

TO: Comprehensive Plan Planning Committee  
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During our September meeting I agreed to compile a list of possible approaches that a future Comprehensive Planning Committee could take, drawing from a review of other communities' experiences. As I worked on this task, I realized that we could not include most of these as part of our report to the Selectboard, because we all agreed that we are not in a position to give direction to a future appointed planning Committee. However, I am sending along these ideas as part of our discussions to be shared with the future committee, as we hope it will be appointed next year.

The general theme is to use new and creative ways to reach as many town members as possible, acknowledging that many have busy lives, and engage in our community in many different ways.

Hopefully this list can be a growing one as more people engage in creating a plan for Lamoine's future.

1. The Plan is a vision for future directions and development, and an intentional guide for specific implementation steps, rather than a just a report of what is.
2. Planning should be FUN and exciting for everyone in Town.
3. Go to the public, rather than have them come to meetings/public hearings: ask Town organizations—churches, community groups, etc.—for time during their regular meetings to discuss and provide input at intervals during the two-year planning process (Planning Committee members can divide up to facilitate these discussions).
4. Use a web tool and other media technologies for interactive communication with Lamoiners: giving citizens regular updates on outreach activities and the Committee's progress, and for receiving and sharing public comments.
5. Assure that a broad range of Lamoine citizens are included and engaged—reaching out especially to those not engaged in community organizations.
6. Involve youth, K-8 and high school, in fun activities—examples: assisting with media outreach; designating special days throughout the year(s) to focus on youth participation in the community, including current school projects (e.g., water study) in the final report; engaging teachers in school projects related to studying Lamoine's current status and envisioning Lamoine's future.
7. Organize a multi-media contest (photo, drawing, essay, video) with community review and voting, results to be used where possible in the final Plan document. All contest results could be displayed at special Town events and in several community locations.
8. Use and schedule summer events—community picnics, Grange turkey dinners, etc. to involve seasonal residents.
9. Assure regular (monthly) coordination with other Town governing groups.
10. Integrate activities with other local communities and organizations with common interests—e.g., education, land use, water quality, caring for Frenchman's Bay, etc.
11. Think of the Plan as a social contract encouraging Lamoine citizens to engage in common goals: ask for public input into the implementation strategies, and how individuals and groups can be involved in carrying out the recommendations in the Plan.